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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Caltrans Annual Litter Pickup Day

Bishop – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is dedicated to a litter-free California. In an effort to raise the public’s awareness and prevent littering, Caltrans maintenance crews across the state will participate in the Annual Statewide Litter pickup day on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Crews will dedicate the majority of their work day to picking up litter, trash and debris along state highways.

Litter in California is an ongoing problem, which results in significant economic, social, and environmental costs. Litter is aesthetically displeasing, presents a range of threats to human and ecologic health, and affects the quality of life for the citizens throughout California. Litter increases the risk of personal injury to our employees, the threat of fire along the State Highway System, the spread of diseases in our communities, and can threaten wildlife and pollute California’s waterways. These impacts are real.

Last year, Caltrans spent \$76.5 million on litter removal throughout the State Highway System. Almost 153,000 cubic yards of litter (about 9,562 garbage trucks) were collected and disposed of.

In addition to not throwing trash out on our roadways the public can help by participating in the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Program. The Adopt-A-Highway Program provides an avenue for individuals, organizations, or businesses to help maintain sections of roadside within California’s State Highway System. More than 120,000 Californians have cleaned and enhanced over 15,000 shoulder-miles of roadside. Participation allows the public to adopt sections of highway for beautification projects, such as litter removal, vegetation control, graffiti removal, and tree and shrub planting.

A graphic for the 'Protect Every Drop' campaign. It features a heart shape on the left, composed of four images: a highway, a river, a landscape, and a close-up of water. To the right of the heart, the text reads 'Protect Every Drop' in large blue font, followed by 'Clean Water Starts With Clean Highways.' in a smaller blue font. At the bottom, there are three logos: a heart with a water drop icon, the website 'ProtectEveryDrop.com', the Caltrans logo, and the California State Water Boards logo.

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The Caltrans logo, consisting of a stylized 'CT' monogram and the word 'Caltrans' below it.The California State Water Boards logo, featuring a stylized wave icon and the text 'California State Water Boards'.



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To become a volunteer or sponsor, call Tom Scott, Caltrans District 9 Adopt-A-Highway coordinator at 760-872-5202.

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